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SUBJECT: DRAFT PAPER ON US NUCLEAR EMPLOYMENT POLICY

REFS: A. STATE 113729 B. STATE 112991 C. JCS 6668, DTG 091327Z MAY 75

- 1. MISSION APPRECIATES OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE WASHINGTON WITH COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PAPER FOR NATO ON US POLICY FOR EMPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (REF A).
- 2. GENERALLY, THE PAPER APPEARS APPROPRIATE FOR DISTRIBUTION IN NATO. WE HOPE ITS PRESENT THRUST WILL BE MAINTAINED SINCE IT DISCUSSES STRATEGIC POLICY AND US THEATER NUCLEAR POLICY, BUT RESERVES NATO THEATER NUCLEAR POLICY FOR CONSULTATIONS IN THE ALLIANCE. THE PAPER WILL PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR WORK IN PHASE III OF THE NPG FOLLOW-ON USE-WORK PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY NOW THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO SUPPORT A BROAD APPROACH TO THIS EFFORT (REF B). MISSION IS COORDINATING WITH THE USDELMC ON MORE SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT WHICH THE USDELMC IS PREPARING IN RESPONSE SECRET

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TO REF C.

3. AS TO HANDLING OF THE PAPER, WE BELIEVE THE NPG IS THE PROPER FORUM, BOTH BECAUSE IT IS THERE THAT WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY GONE

INTO DEPTH ON SENSITIVE NUCLEAR SUBJECTS, AND BECAUSE WE AVOID THE PROBLEM OF PORTUGAL. FROM THE STANDPOINT OF TIMING, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THE PAPER TO NPG PERM REPS AND TO MIL REPS OF NPG COUNTRIES FOR THEIR INFORMATION IN EARLY JUNE. SHOULD THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE PAPER, THEY COULD RAISE THEM AT THE MONTEREY NPG MEETING. BRUCE

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